

# SMALLNESS OF TRADING BREAKS MARKET RECORD

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Stock Exchange.

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BY BROADWAY WALL.

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No tariff tinkering threatens to distress the market, and currency legislation has been postponed for some time to come. The changed attitude of the Interstate Commerce Commission toward the railroads is probably the most important of recent business news. The railroad earnings no doubt will continue to exceed the operating expenses, and the industry is expected to be a good year.

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NEW YORK, December 26.—The sugar and cottonseed oil markets were closed today. The sugar market was steady, unchanged.

ELGIN, Ill., December 26.—Butter, 31 cent bid; no sales.

LOCAL MARKET QUOTATIONS.  
(Furnished by Levy Commission Co.,  
Richmond, Va., December 26, 1914.)

LIVE POULTRY.  
Chickens, choice, small, lb., 13  
Chickens, choice, medium, lb., 12  
Chickens, large, lb., 11  
Ducks, choice, lb., 10  
Geese, choice, lb., 9  
Turkeys, choice, lb., 8

DRESSED POULTRY.  
(Head and Feet Off, Drawn.)  
Turkeys, choice, per lb., 18  
Turkeys, poor or thin, lb., 16  
Geese, choice, lb., 14  
Ducks, choice, lb., 12  
Chickens, choice, lb., 10

EGGS—Crated.  
In crates, near by fresh, doz., 22  
In crates, other sections, doz., 20  
Family, choice, fresh, lb., 20  
Turkeys, choice, per lb., 18

COUNTRY CURED BACON.  
Hams, well smoked, large, lb., 20  
Hams, well smoked, small, lb., 18  
Shoulders, well smoked, lb., 16  
Lard, choice, 10

MARKET CONDITIONS.  
There is practically no demand for any of above produce, except turkeys, eggs, butter and lard.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.  
CHICAGO, December 26.—Wheat to-day one to 1 1/2% a bushel for May delivery, the highest since September, when, owing to war excitement, the price touched 1 1/2. Signs of increased difficulty of obtaining supplies are not responsible for the new upturn in prices. The close was strong at 1 1/2, but not advanced. Other leading staples, on all scored gains, corn, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4; oats, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4.

Leading futures ranged as follows:  
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